

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

The Bureau of Land Management's Medford District has analyzed a proposal to 1) Replace six (6) undersized culverts (not designed to withstand a 100 year flood event) and 2) Decommission road 37-4-4.3 (0.3 miles). This project would implement the transportation management objectives recommended by watershed analysis.

The proposed action and project design features are further described in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed action is considered a normal action in implementing the 1995 Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) .

Through the EA process the interdisciplinary team reviewed the following critical elements of the human environment as they relate to this project: air quality, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, cultural resources, environmental justice, farmlands, floodplains, Native American religious concerns, invasive nonnative species, threatened and endangered species, hazardous/solid wastes, energy, water quality, wetlands/riparian zones, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and wilderness. No substantive site specific environmental changes would result from implementing the proposed action or alternatives as discussed in the associated EA. Should threatened or endangered plants or cultural or paleontological resources be discovered they would be protected.

The estimation of impacts was based on research, professional judgement, and the experience of the interdisciplinary team. This method of estimating effects on the environment reduces the uncertainties to a level which does not involve highly unknown or unique risks. The design features identified in the attached EA would assure that no significant site specific nor cumulative impacts would occur to the human environment other than those already addressed in the Medford District Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan and the Record of Decision/Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards & Guidelines.

FONSI Determination

On the basis of the information contained in the EA and all other information available to me as summarized and above, it is my determination that none of the alternatives analyzed constitute a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the Medford District Resource Management Plan EIS. Therefore, a new EIS or a supplement to the existing EIS is unnecessary and will not be prepared.

Howard J. Hunt, Acting 5/23/62
Field Manager Date

Decision Record
for
Jobs In The Woods Restoration Project EA No. OR-110-02-11

Decision Record & Rationale

The decision is to implement the proposed action as identified in the attached Jobs In The Woods Restoration Project EA No. OR-110-02-11

Implementation of the proposed action is necessary to 1) Replace six (6) undersized culverts (not designed to withstand a 100 year flood event) and 2) Decommission road 37-4-4.3 (0.3 miles). This project implements the transportation management objectives recommended by watershed analysis.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Medford District Resource Management Plan.

Environmental Assessment/FONSI

This EA was made available for a 30 day public comment beginning on April 24, 2002. Association of O&C Counties, Southern Oregon Timber Industry Association, Boise Corporation, and Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center submitted comments during the 30 day comment period. These comments were reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Team. **I have also reviewed the public comments and have determined that this decision involves no significant impact beyond that already analyzed and discussed in the preceding Environmental Assessment and FONSI. An EIS is not required. I have also determined that the proposed project is in conformance with approved land use plans..**

This decision involves no significant impact beyond that already analyzed and discussed in the preceding Environmental Assessment and FONSI.

Howard J. Hunter, Acting 5/23/02
Ashland Field Manager Date